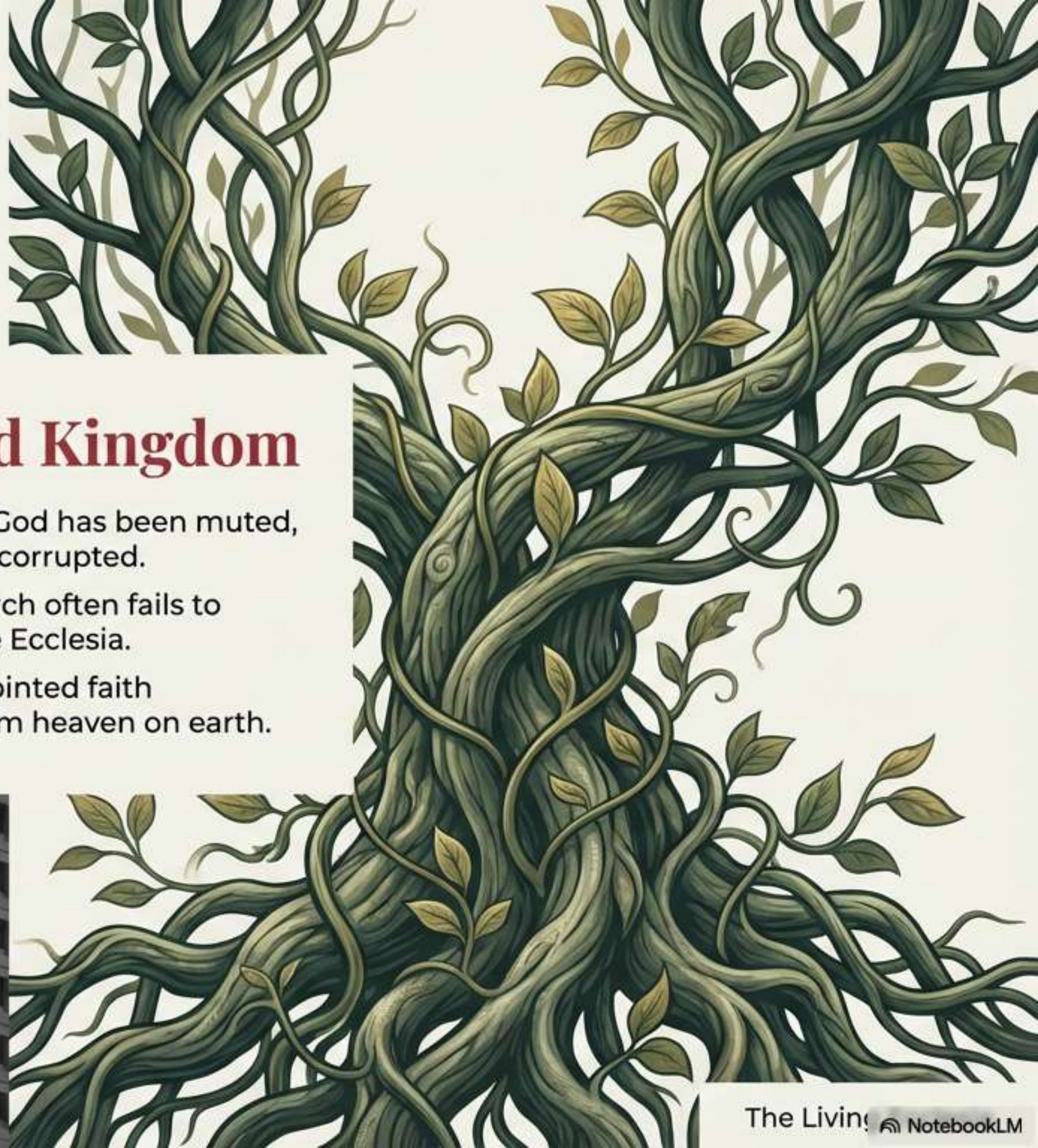
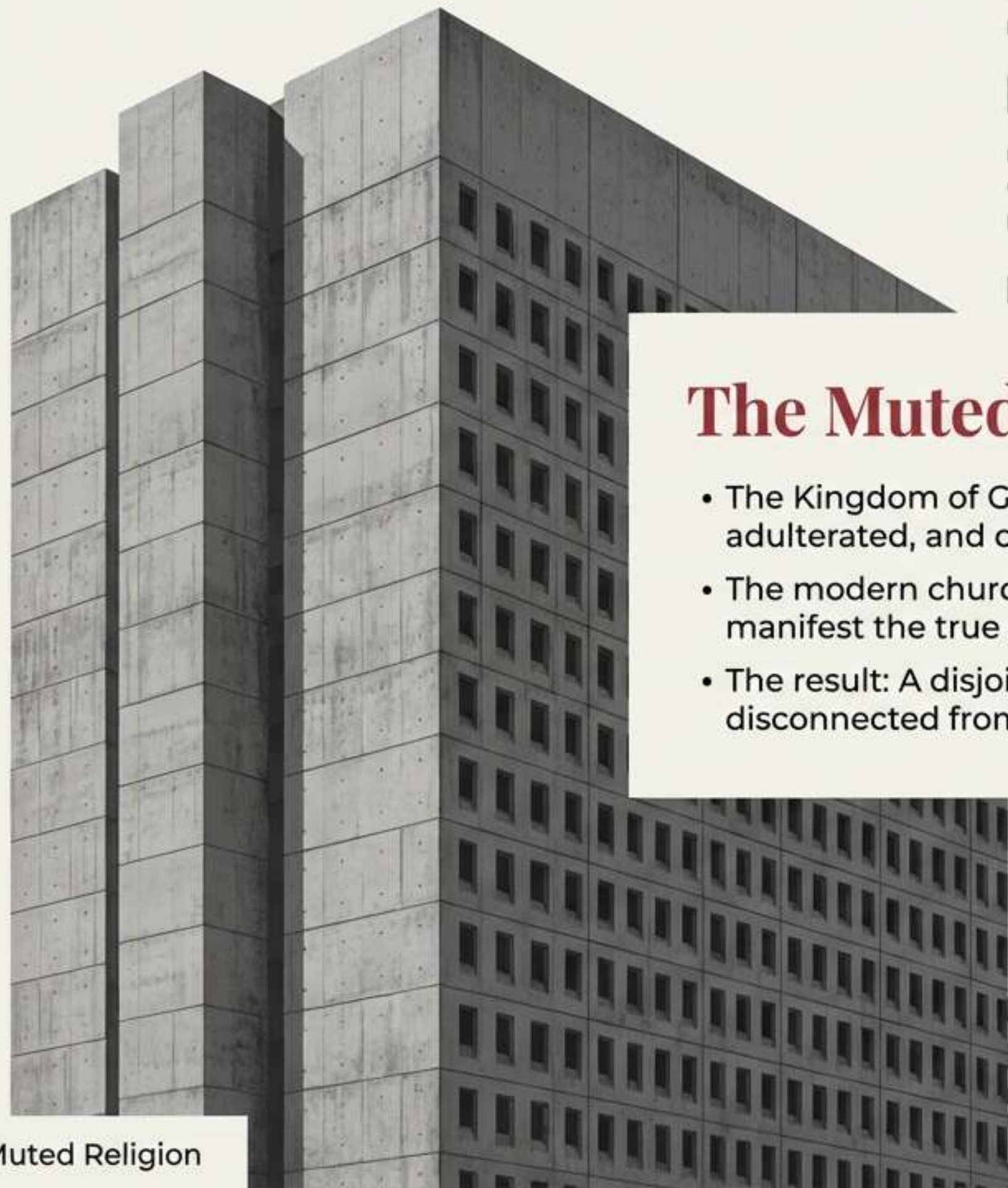


An exploration of the Kingdom Blueprint, the Discontinuity Mystery, and the journey from a religious label to a living nature.

So They Call Me a CHRISTIAN?!?



The Muted Kingdom

- The Kingdom of God has been muted, adulterated, and corrupted.
- The modern church often fails to manifest the true Ecclesia.
- The result: A disjointed faith disconnected from heaven on earth.

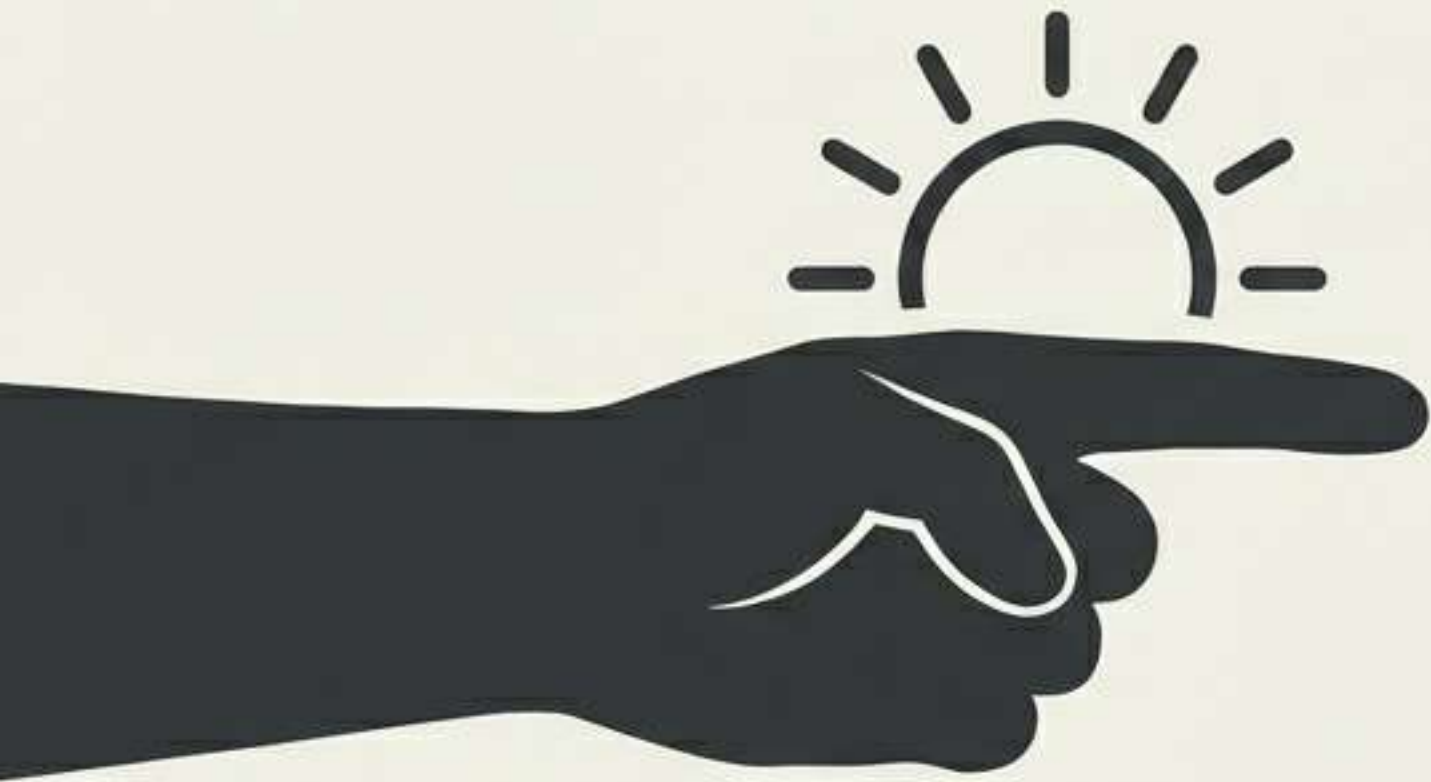
Ecclesia

[ih-kee-zee-uh] • noun • from Greek *ekklēsia*

1. Not an Institution: It is not a weekly Sunday program or a physical building.
2. The “Called Out” Ones: Individuals called out of a sinful world to manifest God’s presence.
3. The Mission: To show the world what it means to live out the Kingdom—bringing heaven to earth.

The Missing Link

The apologist's reality: spending more time apologizing for the behavior of Christians than defending the faith.



The World's Experience

15 minutes of condemnation under a hot sun.



The Savior's Sacrifice

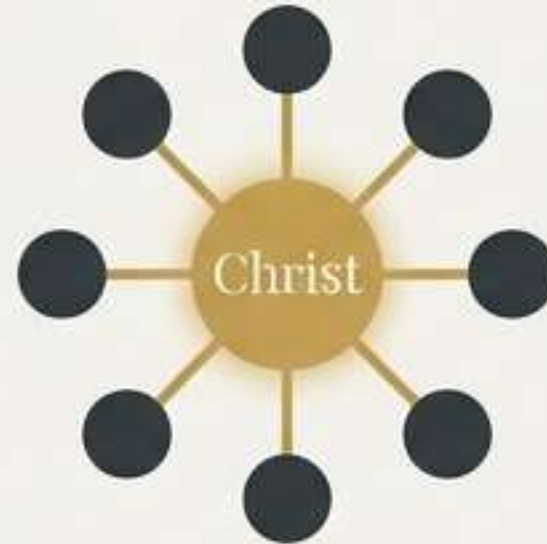
Universally seen as loving and full of grace.

The Supremacy of Christ

Shifting from a hierarchical, one-man focus to a living, organic movement. True teaching points purely to Jesus, never to human methods or the teachers themselves.



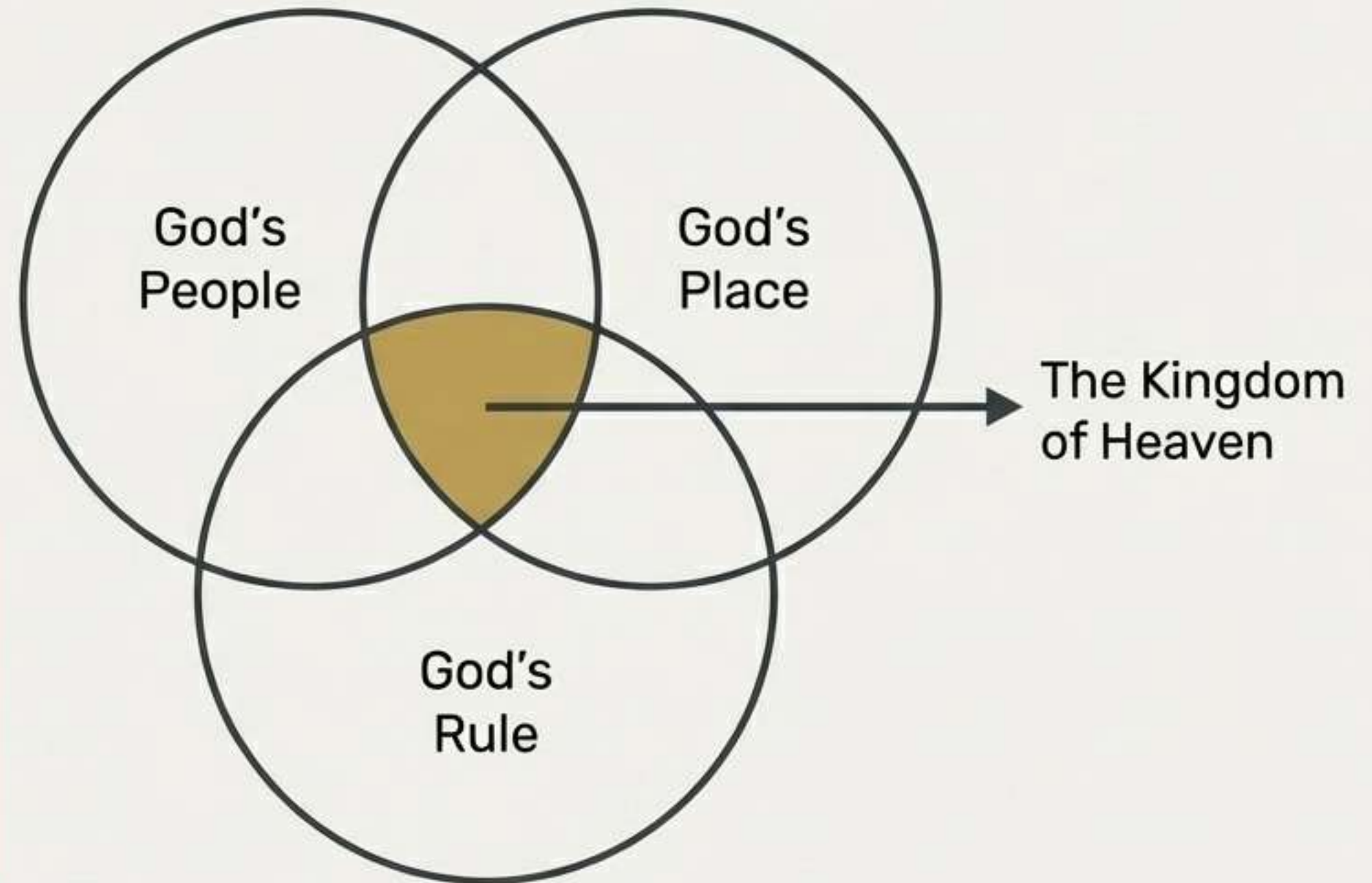
The Danger of Hierarchy: Looking to human leaders



The True Focus: An organic movement centered on the Savior

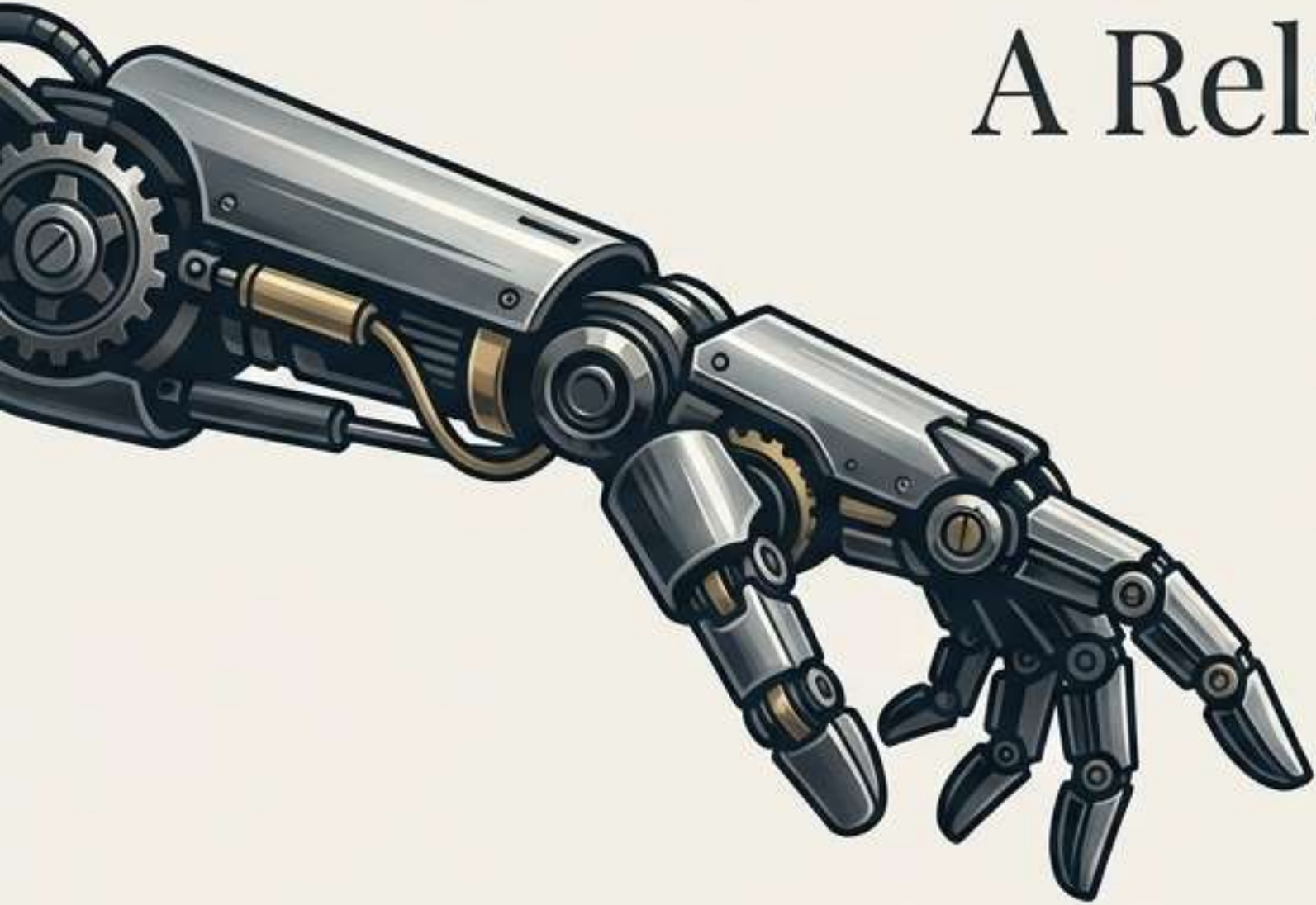
The Kingdom Blueprint

The template imprinted across the entire narrative of Scripture:



The Fall: Resisting God's rule means stepping out of God's place, resulting in the loss of peace and the manifold goodness of God.

A Relational God



- **Not AI or Droids:** God did not create programmed robots to mimic love.
- **Not a Distant Dictator:** God is not an angry figure waiting to strike us for our sins.
- **A Heart Connection:** The Creator desires a genuine, **unprogrammed relationship** driven by **love**, demonstrated fully at the cross.

““If my father beats me,
where is God?””

- Growing up in a dysfunctional, 1-room flat surrounded by addiction.
- Witnessing violence at age four and internalizing the chaos.
- The internal narrative: "Was I picked up from the dustbin? Is there a God?"



12 Words That Changed Everything

God the Father loves you
and wants you home.

- An anger-filled teenager, defensive and hurting.
- An immediate internal flood of peace—like ice water washing away the anger.
- The Realization: God is not an imaginary story; His love is an undeniable internal reality.

The Evolution of Meaning

If words decay over generations, what happened to our spiritual vocabulary?



NICE

~~Pleasant~~

Ignorant or
foolish

VILLAIN

~~Bad person~~

A farm hand
or peasant

AWFUL

~~Terrible~~

Full of awe



The Label: Christian



1st Century Antioch

A Name of Shame

- Given by non-believers to shame followers of a "God that died."
- Early believers gladly bore the shame.



Modern Day

A Demographic Checkbox

- Devolved into a nominal label for religious affiliation.

Are They Equal?

CHRISTIAN **≠** **DISCIPLE**

Often signifies nominal belief.
A cultural label carrying no
inherent proof of transformation.

Signifies serious, life-altering
commitment. One who takes
the Word of God seriously.

The uncomfortable truth: While all true disciples are Christians,
not all who call themselves Christians are disciples.

Defining 'Disciple' (*Mathetes*)

The first-century Rabbinic model of following a master.



The Discontinuity Mystery

260

mentions of
Mathetes (Disciple)
in the Gospels &
Acts

0

mentions of
Mathetes
in the Epistles



Why did the early church suddenly stop calling subsequent believers 'disciples' in their letters?

Rethinking the Great Commission

Make disciples (*Matheteuo*)
of all nations... teaching
them to observe all that I
have commanded.



Not Paul's teachings.
Not a church's program.
Not step-by-step philosophies.
We teach the commands of
Jesus.

Matheteuo (Make Disciples): A verb appearing only 4 times in the Bible.

Who Makes the Disciple?

~~I will make you my disciple.~~

I will introduce you to The Discipler.

- The word “disciple” vanished in the Epistles because believers are exclusively disciples of Jesus, not of modern leaders.
- Human-led “Discipleship 101” programs risk creating followers of a religious system rather than followers of Christ.
- We connect people to Jesus; He does the disciple-making.

The 2024 State of the Church



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High Digital Connection
Obsessed with screen time and algorithms.

Low Spiritual Download
Rapid decline in daily Bible reading.

The modern reality: Christianity without Christ, forgiveness without repentance, and religion without the Holy Ghost.

The Prison Bar Dream (2017)

**“You have followed me for 30 years.
Do you have what is inside you to
impart to this man so he can walk in
in deep intimacy with me?”**

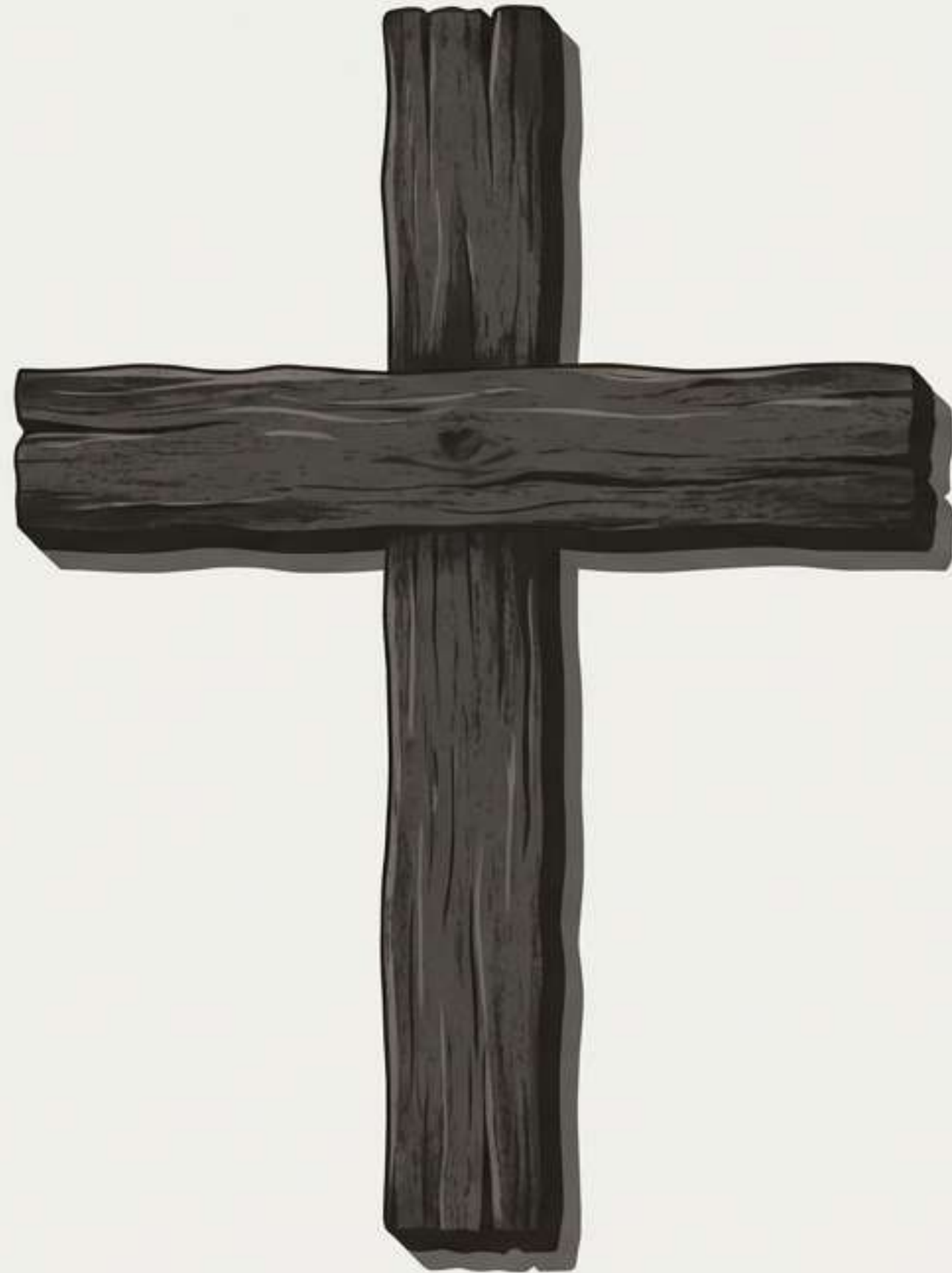
- Trapped for the faith, with no tracts, no materials, and no step-by-step books.
- The ultimate test: If all external materials were stripped away, is the Word internalized?

The Priority of Presence

Mark 3:13-15 – Jesus called the twelve for a specific sequence.

- 1 BE WITH HIM**
(Presence)
- 2 DO THE WORK**
(Performance)

Being with Jesus cannot come at the expense of doing the work.
Modern believers are busy working for a God they do not spend time with.



The Cost of Discipleship

- Every call of God requires a willing response—it is not forced.
- The requirements: Deny yourself, carry your cross daily.
- Preeminence: Christ must hold absolute first place over all other loves and ambitions.
- Discipleship is a total lifestyle, not a weekend activity.

Christ must be the preeminent love, or He is not Lord at all.

From Label to Lifestyle: Abiding

Audit Your Life:
Compare your daily
Screen Time with your
Scripture Time.

Deep Charcoal
and
Muted Crimson



Intimacy Requires Time:
A relationship with God
cannot survive without
dedicated, unhurried time.

Deep Charcoal
&
Aged Gold
Muted Crimson

The Final Shift:
Discipleship is not a badge you wear; it is a life you live.

Christian by Name → Disciple by Nature